

PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

23 JUNE 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Judith Roberts at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Reading, Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Judith Roberts at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sia Marshall, Karen Sarkissian
Reading, Prayers	Judy Madova, Tom & Sally Radford
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Judy Madova
Musicians	Stuart Whatton
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Andante tranquillo from the Capriol Suite</i> (Warlock)
SG hymns	766 (omit v3,4), 721, 641 (omit v3)
CC hymns	766 (omit v4), 721, 641 (omit v3)
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Cantate Domino</i> (James Chepponis)
Closing music	<i>Postlude, no. 24 from Pièces en style libre</i> (Vierne)
THE COLLECT	
Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings, Christ Church in Esher and St George's in West End, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through the doors to celebrate their marriages, welcome their new-borns and grieve their losses – all of it embraced by the beauty of the worship offered in these houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition through words and music, silence and sacrament. Some of us grew up in church and have never left. Some of us grew out of church, but are testing the waters again. Some of us have more questions than answers. All of us belong here.

You can also check-out some of our services on YouTube to get a flavour of what we're about, or just come along some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church or at 9.00am in St George's West End.

Whether you join online or in person, we hope you'll find a community committed to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope, and a generous Love.

You are very welcome.

READING 2 Corinthians 6.1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

GOSPEL Mark 4.35-end

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 107.1-3, 23-32

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships and plied their trade in deep waters;
- 24 They beheld the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 Then he spoke and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; their hearts melted because of their peril.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea.
- 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, and he brought them to the harbour they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

READING Job 38.1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?'

PARISH NOTICES

Peace & Contemplation - The Wonder of Love. Thursday 18 July, 8pm, at Christ Church. An evening of inspiring readings, beautiful music and reflective silence. All are welcome.

Music on the Green - Last Wednesday we enjoyed a magical concert given by the Baudelaire Trio at Old St George's Church, full of freshness and energy to match the finally arrived summer weather. July's concert will return to Christ Church on Wednesday 17 July, 1.15pm, when we'll welcome the John McDonald Jazz Quartet who will perform some popular jazz standards from the Great American Songbook – the perfect way to send us off on our summer break. Warmest thanks to our volunteers and concert goers for one of the most enjoyable MOTG seasons yet. All our concerts are free, with a light lunch from 12.30pm.

Book Group - At the next meeting on Monday 24 June, 4pm, we'll discuss Graham Greene's humorous novel *Travels with my Aunt*. To know more please contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am. To join please contact the Parish Office.

Sunday School - This week, following the Gospel reading, we'll be making some stormy crafts - the perfect reminder that God is our calm amongst the chaos.

Youth Group - The last meeting before the summer break will be in Christ Church on Sunday 7 July, 4.30-6pm.

Margaret Dane - It is with great sadness that we received news recently from Margaret's great friend, Angela Stockbridge, that she had passed away. Angela said "Margaret was positive and very determined throughout the past three months and received the very best of care by the staff at the Marsden." Margaret, with her late husband, Frank, were long-standing and very active members of our parish community. She will be very much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and all her friends. We can confirm the funeral will take place on Monday 8 July, 11am, in Christ Church.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 3 July. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights! Why not come a bit earlier to join everyone for coffee?

Churchwarden's Visitation Service - Our two churchwardens, Jane Tyrrell and Helen Coulson, attended a visitation service on Monday 17 June at St John's, North Holmwood. At the service they were 'admitted' as churchwardens for the coming year by The Venerable Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking.

Holy Communion - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. We pray that Darren and his wife have the time and space to grow and enjoy their new family. For all enquiries please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

Parish Office - Melanie will be on leave next week and will return to the office on Monday 1 July. The churchwardens will be away also. For urgent pastoral matters please contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 07968 765188 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

Prayer points from Esher Church School

Pray that the Early Years pupils make good friendships, talk kindly and be inclusive, especially when new children come into the school.

Pray Key Stage 1 pupils will be patient with themselves as they navigate their tests. Pray for their forthcoming trips and that they have fun.

Pray that Year 6 pupils make happy memories in their last term and cope with their feelings about starting at their next school.

Peace & Contemplation

'The Wonder of Love'
part of the 'Wonder' series

Thursday 18 July 2024, 8pm to 9pm
Christ Church, Esher, KT10 8QS

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Sebastian, Hazel Harding, John Cheetham, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins

RIP Anniversaries: Jean Bennett, Ann Grant, Ingrid Bradley-Williams, Michael Simpson, Doreen Coslett, Monty Doggett, Jean Rutland

RIP: Jennifer Simmons, Margaret Dane

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Readings for Morning Prayer taken from the Church of England Lectionary.

June		Time	Reading
Monday	24		Malachi 3.1-6, Ps 50, Luke 3.1-17
Tuesday	25		Judges 14, Ps 89.1-18, Luke 18.1-14
Wednesday	26		Judges 15.1.16.3, Ps 119.105-128, Luke 18.15-30
Thursday	27	9.30-10.30am	Judges 16.4-end, Ps 92, Luke 18.31-end
Friday	28		Judges 17, Ps 88, Luke 19.1-10

LOOKING AHEAD

June		Time	Event
Sunday	23	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	24	All day	Parish Office closed (22-30 Jun incl.)
		4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	26	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	27	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	30	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Promenade Choirs Concert, Christ Church
July		Time	Event
Monday	1	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	3	11am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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Live Streaming Please be aware that all services held at Christ Church are live streamed via our YouTube channel.

Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheet by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.